Panel Seeks to Question James Earl Ray's Brother

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (UPI) — The House Assassinations Committee sought a court order today to question the jailed brother of James Earl Ray about whether he was part of a possible family conspiracy to kill the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The panel directed its chief counsel, G. Robert Blakey, to ask the Federal District Court here for an order permitting John Larry Ray, a brother of Dr. King's convicted assassin, to appear as a witness Friday. John Larry Ray was arrested yesterday in St. Louis on suspicion of burglary and assault with intent to kill.

James Earl Ray's other brother, Jerry, was also expected to testify this week as the House committee winds up a two-year, $5 million investigation into the assassinations of Dr. King and President Kennedy.